

Farmington official honored; Hills given state park grant

News briefs from the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls will appear regularly in this column.

● FARMINGTON

● Yoder honored — Gov. James Blanchard and state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, honored long-time Farmington city councilman Ralph Yoder in a special tribute presented May 7.

"For more years than he may care to remember, he has often put the interests of his community and its residents before his own," the tribute reads.

It adds: "Indeed, as a public official, he has been emblematic of the model community steward who cares about and works on behalf of civic, social, educational, economic and charitable issues."

It concludes: "During the past three decades, there have been many occasions when Ralph has sacrificed his own time to better serve the citizens of Farmington."

"During the 48 years he has lived

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In this community, he has witnessed and played a significant role in many important changes reflecting the community's commitment to progress and planned development.

"His pursuit of good government has resulted in public services that have been efficient and responsive to the needs of local residents. Clearly, his efforts have gone a long way in making Farmington a successful community."

Yoder, a former mayor, has been a councilman for 25 years.

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● New turn lane — A center left-turn lane will be built on Farmington Road at the intersection of Hecarstone and Bayberry at a cost of \$75,400.

The Farmington Hills City Council, the board of Oakland County

Commissioners and the Oakland County Road Commission will split the cost as part of a 1990 tri-party, road safety project.

Work will begin in May, county commissioner David Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, said.

● Park grant OK'd — Farmington Hills has received a \$187,500 state grant for construction of a recreational day camp activities building at Heritage Park later this year. The city will pay \$62,500 toward the total cost of \$250,000. The new building will encompass part of the old sheep barn.

The grant was part of the first list of recreation bond projects approved by the Legislature, state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, said.

● New appointees — The city council has named Judith Lange to the zoning board of appeals and Thomas Duke Jr., who lives in a historic house on Halsted, to the historic districts commission.

● Poppy sales — The Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 in Farmington will sell poppies Thursday-Saturday throughout the area.



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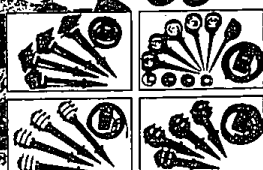
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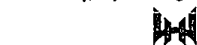


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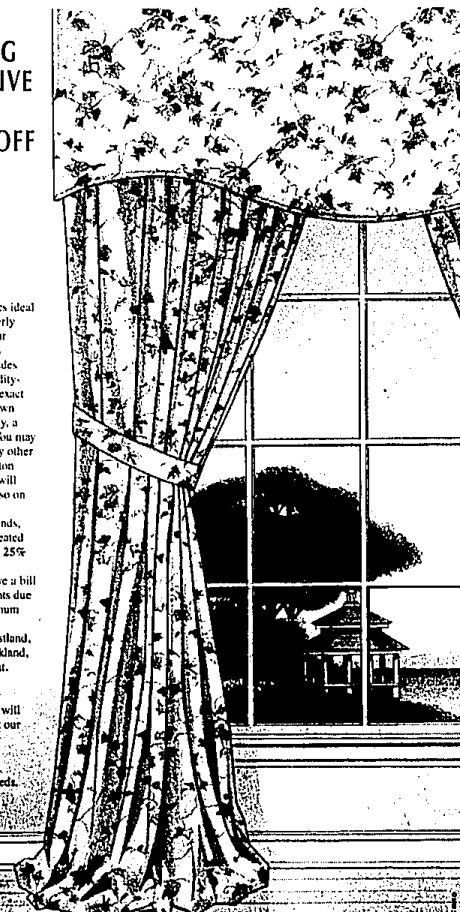


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